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APPLICANT: ANATOL Y NIKOLAEVICH PADEROV ET AL.-1 (PCT)
SERIAL NO.: 09/700,473 EXAMINER: M.L. PADGETT
FILED: JUNE 5, 2001 GROUP: 1762
TITLE: METHOD FOR DEPOSITION OF WEAR-RESISTANT COATINGS
AND FOR INCREASING THE LIFESPAN OF PARTS

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATT: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action dated September 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the enclosed substitute specification attached as Exhibit A for the specification on file. A marked-up copy is attached as Exhibit B. No new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 16-17 and 19-28 as follows: